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POSTAL REGULATORY

January 31, 2020

Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Michael M. Kubayanda, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Mark Acton
Commissioner Ann C. Fisher
Commissioner Ashley E. Poling

Dear Commissioners:

We join the TNPA Nonprofit Alliance and many others in the nonprofit mailing community urging you to reconsider & kindly set aside your proposal, Docket RM2017-3 to increase postage rates with several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so when postage go up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission. This will accelerate less revenue to the USPS.

Our mission is to build respectful, caring relationships with our benefactors in order to provide spiritual and financial support to the ministries of the United States Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have will be devastating to our entire program and we will not be able to continue our program to serve the poor as we do today. Through our communications we reach people that may not be able to attend services in person. We know through our communications with our donors that in many cases we are the only religious communications they have. Not only our mail but our incoming mail from our donors will be in many cases stopped or drastically reduced. Our mission and the people we serve will be hurt directly from these increases.

Please do the right thing; reconsider and set aside Docket RM2017-3.

Sincerely,

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